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6. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him a Reserve withdrawal letter for Chairman Mahon. I congratulated Mr. Preston on his formal designation as head of the Defense Subcommittee staff and talked to him about briefings on the Agency. Mr. Preston told me that he and the staff will be working the entire weekend and possibly nights for a while. Although he will come out as soon as possible, it may well be after Christmas before he will be able to devote any time to Agency matters.

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7. [] In response to an earlier inquiry I informed Mr. Drury Blair, on the staff of the Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee, that between 7 and 8 thousand Jews have emigrated from Eastern Europe since the 1967 war. I noted that about 6 thousand of these were Polish. I also called his attention to a recent article in the New York Times on this subject.

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12. [] Gordon Nease, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, advised me that [] a Navy lieutenant j.g., now working for DIA will leave the Navy next February and is interested in employment possibilities in the Agency. Nease asked my opinion on the prospects here. I told him I would check on this and would be back in touch with him.

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13. [] Met with Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and he advised me that Senator Stennis had decided not to hold a Committee meeting on legislation tomorrow in view of the press of other matters such as the My Lai matter and several appropriation measures requiring his attention. Braswell said that he would raise the question with the Senator again next week.

Braswell mentioned that Senator Fulbright is sending several staff investigators to Vietnam in connection with the Foreign Relations Committee's hearings. Braswell expects that this will set off a new round of hearings when these men return.

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14. [] Hand carried to Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the monthly []

I advised Woodruff of the status of our retirement bill and our hope that it would be taken up by the Armed Services Committee in the very near future.

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15. [] Talked with Peggy MacDonald, on the staff of Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), about the visit to the Hill of several [] on Friday and raised with her the question of the Senator's availability to meet with this group. She said she would check on this and call me back.

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16. [] Mr. Drury Blair, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, asked if the Agency might possibly have any information on the extent of Jewish emigration from East European countries, especially from Poland. He said he had been unable to get any figures from the Immigration and Naturalization Service on this. I told him I would check on this and be back in touch.

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